



H.Res. 843 – Mourning the passing of Congressman Henry J. Hyde and celebrating his leadership and service to the people of Illinois and the United States of America

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res.843 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Peter Roskam (R-IL) on December 4, 2007. The bill was sent to the Committee on House Administration but was never considered.

H.Res. 843 is expected to be considered on the House floor on December 17, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 843 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses its appreciation for the profound dedication and public service of Congressman Henry J. Hyde;
- Notes that he was preceded in death by his late wife Jeanne Simpson and his son, Henry 'Hank' Hyde;
- Tenders its deep sympathy to his wife, Judy Wolverton, to his children, Robert, Laura, and Anthony, and to the entire family of the former Member of Congress and his staff;
- Directs that the eulogies offered concerning the life of the Honorable Henry J. Hyde, former Representative from the State of Illinois, be bound and printed as a House document; and
- Directs the Clerk of the House to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Congressman Henry J. Hyde.

BACKGROUND

Henry J. Hyde was elected to serve Illinois's 6th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives in 1974. He served until 2006.

He served valorously in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 in the South Pacific, New Guinea, and the Lingayen Gulf and continued to serve in the Naval Reserve until 1968.

Henry J. Hyde returned to the United States from active duty in 1946, graduated a year later with a bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown University, and went on to earn a law degree from Loyola University Law School in 1950.

On November 5, 2007, Henry J. Hyde was awarded the Nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. During the ceremony President Bush noted that, "He (Mr. Hyde) was a gallant champion of the weak and forgotten and a fearless defender of life in all its seasons."

Henry J. Hyde passed away on November 29, 2007.

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